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**Next Meeting: October 1, 2003
10:00 a.m. – Thorburn Center - Ingham ISD (Rooms B and C)**

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 7, 2003, Meeting
10:00 a.m.

Present: Kathleen Clegg, Patt Clement, Elaine High, Ric Hogerheide, Marge Joslin (for Don Trap), Patricia Keller, Brenda Kotsis, Shari Krishnan, Jim Kubiako, Peggy McNeilly, Pam Mish, Ginny Palubin, Sue Rabidioux, Debs Roush, Deb Russell, Steve Schwartz, Larry Simpson, Don Spencer (for Jeff Siegel), Deborah Smith, Randall VanGasse, Colette Ward, Steve Wessels
Ex-Officio members: Doug Nurenberg, Rosanne Renauer

Absent: Pansy Coleman, Cheryl Ervin, Janice Fialka, Jill Jacobs, Nancy Jackson, Bob Opsommer, Laurie VanderPloeg

OSE/EIS Staff: Fran Loose, Joanne Winkelman

Guests: Frank Ciloski, Linda Keway, Paul Kubicek, Sandi Laham, Patti Nowak, Jerry Oermann, Roberta Stanley, Bernie Travnika, Jon Wurdock

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shari Krishnan.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests

Guests attending the meeting were introduced.

Amend/Approve Proposed Agenda

The agenda of the April 2, 2003, meeting was considered. Ric Hogerheide moved, seconded by Ginny Palubin, to approve the agenda as written. The motion carried.

Amend/Approve Minutes

The minutes of the April 2, 2003, meeting were considered. Ric Hogerheide moved, seconded by Ginny Palubin, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

The Motion made by Steve Schwartz on page 2 is corrected to note that SEAC's concerns are forwarded to the Congress not the Senate.

Public Comment

None

Chairperson's Report – Shari Krishnan

A. Announcement of 2003-04 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Shari requested that Ginny Palubin report the election results for the SEAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the 2003-04 year. Ginny announced that Larry Simpson has been elected as the Chairperson for the SEAC for the 2003-04 year and that Debs Roush has been elected as Vice Chairperson.

B. Notebook Survey

Shari reminded SEAC members to return their completed notebook surveys to Monica so that the feedback may be used when constructing the SEAC notebooks for the 2003-04 year.

C. Lunch Enrichment Session, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Barb Wybrect will be the lunch enrichment speaker and will give a presentation on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

State Department Report – Fran Loose

Fran reported that Jacque will not be attending the Committee of the Whole meeting today as she is meeting with Tom Watkins, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Jeremy Hughes, the Chief Academic Officer for the Michigan Department of Education. Jacque intends to discuss special education issues including the SEAC.

A. Legislative Issues Pertaining to the IDEA Reauthorization - Roberta Stanley

Fran Loose introduced Roberta Stanley, the MDE Federal Liaison Officer. Ms. Stanley was asked to provide SEAC with an update of the status of the IDEA Reauthorization and respond to questions from SEAC.

Ms. Stanley provided SEAC with a brief overview of the Reauthorization of IDEA and the status of implementation of NCLB. Ms. Stanley indicated that if any SEAC member would like to contact her directly or share any information they may feel free to do so.

Discussion Followed.

B. No Child Left Behind - Frank Ciloski and Joanne Winkelman

Fran Loose introduced Frank Ciloski and Joanne Winkelman. Mr. Ciloski works in the MDE Office of Professional Preparation Services. Mr. Ciloski is also co-chairing the NCLB committee on highly qualified personnel with Mary Ann Adams from the Michigan Education Association (MEA) and is the MDE connection with US Department of Education on the issues of highly qualified teachers. Joanne Winkelman works in the MDE Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services and works with institutes of higher education in special education and reviewing the implications for personnel preparation.

Mr. Ciloski provided SEAC with a copy of Michigan State Board of Education policy for identifying “highly qualified” teachers. This document took approximately one year to draft and was approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) on April 24, 2003. Mr. Ciloski reviewed this document with SEAC, providing additional detail and examples.

Discussion Followed.

State Board Meeting Report

Shari reported for Jacque Thompson that SEAC will be providing their year-end report to the SBE at their June 26 meeting. SEAC will also address Access to the General Curriculum and the unintended consequences of NCLB on students with disabilities.

Information Items

A. Preliminary Thinking of Unintended Consequences of NCLB for Students with Disabilities

Steve Wessels provided an overview of the work the Policy Subcommittee has been doing regarding the unintended consequences of NCLB. Steve indicated that the item will be an action item at the June 4 SEAC meeting. Once approved by SEAC, the recommendation can be forwarded to the SBE for review at the June 26 meeting.

Discussion Followed.

B. Preparation for Priority Setting Meeting

Shari indicated that a different approach is going to be taken for Priority Setting in June. It is expected that SEAC will work to incorporate the conversations from the Subcommittee work. Priority Setting will be built within the context of the Subcommittee year-end reports.

C. Process for Setting Annual Priorities

Action Items

None

Ex-Officio Reports

Institutions of Higher Education —Mark Larson - None

Michigan Department of Community Health —Doug Nurenberg - None

Michigan Department of Career Development/Rehabilitation Services – Rosanne Renauer reported that the MDCD has identified a new Director, Jaye Balthazar. Ms. Balthazar is currently the Deputy the Director but as of July 1 she will serve as the new Director.

Family Independence Agency – Lee Martin - None

Committee Reports

Operations — Ginny Palubin reported that the Operations Subcommittee is continuing its work with the SIP Subcommittee and reviewing the current structure of SEAC.

Policy — Steve Wessels reported that David Brock has been revising the Inclusive Education Position Statement based on public comment and specific language that was requested by Mrs. Kathleen Straus, the President of the State Board of Education. This language will reflect that all children should have access to the full continuum of services. Today the Policy Subcommittee will continue to refine its work on the unintended consequences of NCLB so that it will be ready for action by SEAC at the June meeting. Once approved, the work will be presented at the SBE meeting on June 26.

State Improvement Plan — Pam Mish reported that the combined group spent most of the April Subcommittee meeting review the function and purposes of subcommittee structures within SEAC. The group would like to review more closely the structure of the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) subcommittees. The meeting today will focus more closely on what exactly could the SEAC subcommittee structure look like, given the work of the Continuous Improvement Monitoring Process (CIMP), the structure of the SICC and how SEAC might more closely with the work of the MDE, the purpose of SEAC. It is anticipated that there will be a draft proposal ready for the June meeting that will outline possible alignment of SEAC subcommittees.

Member Issues

Linda Keway announced that she has with her applications for the Summer Institute for Newer Teachers that is being sponsored by the MEA, CEC and the MDE. Laurie VanderPloeg and Linda have been planning this Institute that will be held June 22 – 24 at the Western Michigan University Conference Center in Grand Rapids.

Future Agenda Items:

None.

The meeting was adjourned to subcommittee meetings.

Monica Butler
Recording Secretary

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Executive Committee
Minutes of May 7, 2003, Meeting
8:45 a.m.

Present: Kathleen Clegg, Patt Clement, Ric Hogerheide, Shari Krishnan, Sandi Laham, Fran Loose, Pam Mish, Ginny Palubin, Debs Roush, Larry Simpson, Jacquelyn Thompson, Randall VanGasse, Steve Wessels

Review of Today's Agenda

The Executive Committee reviewed the Committee of the Whole agenda. Steve Wessels will give an update on the Policy Subcommittees work on the unintended consequences of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) on students with disabilities prior to the guest speaker's presentations. By doing so, this will allow the guests to hear some of the work the Subcommittee has completed that might be relevant to what they will be discussing.

Shari indicated that she would like to change the approach of priority setting for the 2003-04 year. Shari would like to utilize the discussions of the subcommittees and the subcommittee year-end reports to facilitate setting the priorities for discussion for the 2003-04 year.

Future Agenda Development

It is the expectation that the Policy Subcommittee work on the unintended consequences of NCLB on students with disabilities will be an action item on the June agenda. By doing so, it can then be forwarded to the State Board of Education for review at their June 26 meeting.

State Department Report

Jacque informed the Executive Committee that she will not be able to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting, as she has a scheduled meeting with Superintendent Watkins and the Chief Academic Officer, Jeremy Hughes, to discuss special education issues include the work of SEAC.

Jacque noted that Roberta Stanley, the MDE Federal Liaison Officer, will be attending SEAC the meeting to provide an update on the Reauthorization of IDEA. As well, Frank Ciloski and Joanne Winkelman will be providing an update on the "highly qualified teacher" section of NCLB.

Shari Krishnan and Steve Wessels are planning to attend the June 26 SBE meeting to discuss the unintended consequences of NCLB, the SEAC year-end reports, and to discuss Access to the General Curriculum.

Discussion Followed.

Subcommittee Reports

Subcommittee Chairs reported on the work of their committees. Updates will be shared with the Committee of the Whole

Operations — Ginny Palubin reported that the Operations Subcommittee will continue its work with the SIP Subcommittee in exploring the idea of restructuring SEAC. As well, Ginny reported that the election results were tallied and the Chairperson for the 2003-04 year will be Larry Simpson and the Vice Chairperson is Debs Roush.

SIP — Pam Mish reported that at the last SIP/Operations Subcommittee meeting the group reviewed the structure of the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) and whether that operating structure might work for SEAC. Today the subcommittees will review the SICC Bylaws and hope to have a tentative plan for SEAC at the June meeting.

Policy – Steve Wessels reported that the Policy Subcommittee has completed some preliminary work on the unintended consequence of NCLB on students with disabilities. The group has been focusing on what are the problems, not the solutions. The subcommittee will finish its work today and will have a recommendation for action by SEAC at the June meeting.

Miscellaneous

The Gratiot Isabella ISD, Winding Brook Conference Center, has been tentatively reserved for the SEAC Fall Retreat on September 7 & 8.